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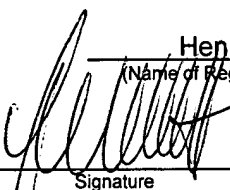
Docket No.: BRIXIUS-8

In re Application of:)
WOLFGANG BRIXIUS et al.)
Appl. No.: 10/789,197) Group Art Unit: 3651
Filed: February 27, 2004)
For: CONTAINER TRANSPORT SYSTEM)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application:

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	US 4 770 589	Bryan	09-13-1988
B)	PCT	WO 99/59901	Vanderlande Ind.	11-25-1999
C)	Germany	DE 21 50 984	Fromme GmbH	10-26-1972

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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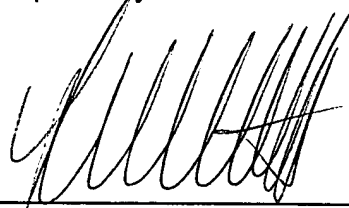
In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference C) describes a Branching device and guide means for a high speed tray conveyor where each tray has in its bottom an hourglass-shaped central guide groove and the conveyor includes in its bend sections and branching sections groups or horizontal guide rollers engaging the tray grooves. In the branching section these guide roller groups are arranged to be raised and lowered by solenoids in staggered timing to permit a rapid succession of trays traveling through the branching section while the latter switches in and out.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
	4,770,589	09-13-1988	Bryan			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	WO 99/59901	11-25-1999	PCT			yes
	DE 21 50 984	10-26-1972	Germany			no

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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